

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A process for the isolation of a glycolipid enriched fraction from rice bran oil, said process comprising (i) subjecting crude rice bran oil to at least two steps of dewaxing/degumming at least two times with formation of a sludge as a by product and, (ii) treating the sludge obtained as a byproduct of the second said dewaxing/degumming to hexane extraction, and separating the glycolipid enriched fraction.

Claim 2 (original) A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the glycolipid fraction is purified to obtain substantially pure glycolipids.

Claim 3 (original) A process as claimed in claim 2 wherein the purification of the glycolipid fraction is done by column chromatography.

Claim 4 (original) A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the glycolipid fraction is separated by centrifugation and lyophilisation.

Claim 5 (currently amended) A process for the isolation of a glycolipid fraction from rice bran oil, said process comprising degumming/dewaxing crude rice ~~bran~~ bran oil by adding boiling water thereto with stirring to form an a emulsion, separating the emulsion thus obtained into a supernatant fraction and sludge, subjecting the supernatant fraction to further degumming/dewaxing by adding water at elevated

temperature with stirring, separating the resultant emulsion into a supernatant fraction containing substantially pure oil and a sludge, extracting at least once the sludge so obtained with hexane followed by separating the glycolipid fraction.

Claim 6 (original) A process as claimed in claim 5 wherein the glycolipid fraction is purified to obtain substantially pure glycolipids.

Claim 7 (previously presented) A process as claimed in claim 6 wherein the purification of the glycolipid fraction is done by column chromatography.

Claim 8 (original) A process as obtained in claim 5 wherein the glycolipid fraction is separated by centrifugation and lyophilisation.